



TECHWOMEN

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

"We want to harness one of America's strengths – our excellence in technology and innovation – and use it to build effective and lasting partnerships with rising women leaders in Muslim countries."

–Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

ABOUT TECHWOMEN

Bringing the power of global business, technology, and education together, TechWomen will pair women in Silicon Valley with their counterparts in the Middle East and North Africa for a professional mentorship and exchange program at leading technology companies beginning in the summer of 2011. Using innovative technologies, cutting-edge content, and social networking tools, TechWomen will foster and develop the next generation of women leaders in the technology field by providing women and girls with the access and opportunity needed to pursue tech-based careers.

TechWomen, a public-private partnership, was developed to implement President Barack Obama's vision of greater collaboration between the United States and communities with predominantly Muslim populations, as outlined in his June 2009 speech in Cairo.

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HOW TO APPLY

The TechWomen program will identify 38 women who are emerging leaders in technical fields, and bring them to the United States in summer 2011 for a five-week, project-based mentoring program at leading technology companies in Silicon Valley, California.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be a woman with 2-5 years full-time professional experience in a technical field
- Have, at minimum, a post-secondary degree (Bachelor's or equivalent)
- Be proficient in written and spoken English
- Be citizens or permanent residents of **Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, or the West Bank and Gaza** at the time of application, and while participating in the program
- Demonstrate the maturity and sense of purpose to participate actively and productively in a professional mentorship program
- Not have applied for an immigrant visa to the United States, or participated in a visa lottery in the past five years
- Be able to obtain a US visa
- Not hold US Citizenship or be a US legal permanent resident

Preference will be given to those who:

- Have demonstrated themselves as emerging leaders in a technical field
- Have an advanced degree, especially in a technical field
- Have limited or no prior experience in the United States
- Have a record of voluntary or public service in their communities

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please visit www.techwomen.org to access the online application
2. Application and recommendations **MUST** be submitted electronically by **8am GMT, February 1, 2011**

